[Shri Ram Kripal Yadav]

to the mental and physical torture metted out to me. They humilated me and uttered several remarks which could not be tolerated. By assaulting me physically, they compelled me to sign the statement written by them. Irrelevant and absurd things are written in it. My partner, my wife and any member of my family is not responsible for the work of A.V. sales which was done in A.H.D. They all are innocent . . .*(Interruptions)*.

PROF. RITA VERMA : Sir, you please get this letter authenticated . . .*(Interruptions)*. This should be laid on the Table of the House after that . . .*(Interruptions)*.

MR. CHAIRMAN : What were you reading ?

SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : I am reading the letter written as suicidal note . . .*(Interruptions)*. I am reading it with full responsibility . . .*(Interruptions)*. I would like to lay it on the Table of the House and I have already given a notice to this affect . . .*(Interruptions)*.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : No, he is not quoting from the newspaper, but from the copy of suicidal note.

[Translation]

PROF. RITA VERMA : Alright, please lay it on the Table of the House after getting it authenticated . . .*(Interruptions)*.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : He is authenticating it.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Mr. Chairman, Sir, whether there is any law and order in this country or not? The officers who are engaged for conducting inquiry . . .*(Interruptions)*. Somnathji has stated* that the Chief Minister should resign. I would say that no one can compell Lallu Yadav to resign till he enjoys the support of the public and M.L.As of Bihar . . .*(Interruptions)*. There is no such provision in the constitution of India . . .*(Interruptions)*.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please conclude.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please take your seat.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Sir, the CBI officers are threatening and mentally harassing the several accused who are imprisoned. Several more suicidal cases will take place if CBI officers are not controlled and same situation prevails there. The officers, who are responsible for the suicide of Harish Khandelwal, have been awarded by CBI recently. The law and order situation has being distorted. People have lost their faith in CBI and it cannot do justice to them. Therefore, I would like to say that an independent agency, headed by Chief Justice should be set up to inquire into the matter and CBI should be withdrawn. The officer responsible for this suicide should be sued under 302 of Indian Penal Code . . .*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Ram Kripalji, please sit down.

*(Interruptions)**

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions)**

[Translation]

Mr. Chairman : What you have been saying here will not go on record. Please take your seat.

(Interruptions)

12.55 hrs.

[Translation]

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI (Allahabad) : Mr. Chairman, Sir through you I would like to draw the attention of this House and the Government towards an important matter. It relates to security of the country and I am happy that Defence Minister is also present here. He may be aware of this incident. It has been published in various newspapers that Navy had performed some of its exercise under the practice of 'Peacetime Exercises' on Western Coast of India during 20 to 25 April 1997, the fighting capacity, efficiency and range of Sea-Eagle missile was tested under it. I.N.S Nilgiri was fixed as its target but this missile fall in sea waters and could not reach to its target. The second missile also met the same fate. At the time

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* Not Recorded.

of this incident Admiral Shri Bhagwat and technical experts of Sea-Eagle Company were present there. I do not know as to whether the hon. Minister of Defence is aware of this incident or not. But if it is so, then an inquiry should be conducted about this missile as it poses danger to security of the country. But the main thing is that later on I.N.S. Nilgiri was drowned by using Tarpedo just to show that this missile is working efficiently.

Uptile now it was stated that this missile is very efficient, unerring, intelligent and automatic. It was told that its firing range is about 30 nautical miles and cost Rs. 20 crore. There are a number of such missiles with the country. It was purchased at the time when Pakistan purchased the French Exosate missiles which were quite sensitive. I would like to know as to how these missiles were purchased, and in view of deficiencies in this missiles whether the Government made my arrangement to buy some substitute for it ?

I do not want to repeat the views of Navy officers about the condition of Navy expressed by them at the time of their retirement. They said that our Navy does not have sufficient and capable arms. I would also like to draw the attention of hon. Minister of Defence towards the news item published in today's 'Pioneer' about the E.K.M. category submarine which was bought from Russia during 1986-1990. Several questions were raised about its purchase and the Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff had registered his strong reservation on its purchase. It is really a grave and sensitive matter if the news published in the Newspaper is true. He says that :

[English]

> "Several internal memos written in long hand by several top naval commanders since 1991 onwards outline the extent of deficiency in the submarine. The 3000-tonne submarine's major handicap Is its higher indiscretion rate. An indiscretion rate of a submarine is a critical element of its offensive capability.
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> Through a Principal Staff Officer's report mentions the exact rate of indiscretion, it is not being mentioned here in the interest of national security. But it is way above the standard indiscretion rate of other submarines – 6 to 8 per cent while patrolling and 12 to 15 per cent in the transition phase. A naval commander said, 'the indiscretion rate of EKM submarine was clearly unacceptable'. The Sindhu (as the (EKM has been christened in India) is grossly under-powered. Its 2x120 batteries are inadequate to give it a surging power in times of crisis.
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> The Sindhu submarine's another problem is its sonar: especially its low frequency band coverage and frequent break downs."

[Translation]

We could not find the where abouts of the Ship ? Its Sound-System is also weak and useless.

13.00 hrs.

[English]

> "Naval officials said, the low frequency band coverage makes it difficult for a sub-commander to accurately classify an enemy target."
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> "Commodore P.R. Franklin, Director of Submarine Operations, Naval Headquarters also wrote three years ago that the shortcomings of this class are known. All of these cannot be overcome, and we will have to live with some of them."
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> "This is especially so as both Pakistan and China are accumulating the latest naval hardware – unless they are upgraded at an estimated cost of Rs. 4,000 crore as suggested by the Naval Headquarters, some years back."
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> "Post-Script : One of the EKM submarines, INS Sindhuvir, is being off-loaded to a Russian ship repairing yard for extensive refits. Cost : Rs. 74 crore."

[Translation]

Sir, through you I would like to make an appeal to the Minister of Defence that an inquiry should be conducted into this matter. The Minister of Defence is present here. He should give information about this matter and assure the country regarding our defence position. We have proper arrangements and capacity to counter the attack. The requirements of Navy like Submarines, missiles and ships should be fulfilled. It has become essential today and the defence position prevalling today could prove dangerous for the safety of the Country. Sir, through you I would like to make an appeal that a thorough inquiry should be conducted into it and facts be brought before the House. I would welcome the a statement from the Minister in this regard.